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Herbert Jones Collection

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The Herbert Jones Collection consists of photographs, clippings, and memorabilia concerning the career of Herbert C. Jones, the founder of the first bus line in Wichita. Included is a diary, circa 1869, from his father, W. B. Jones.

Biography

Herbert C. Jones was born in Wichita on June 24, 1884. In 1915, while working for his father at the Jones Milling Company, Jones established the first bus line in Wichita by equipping a 1915 Ford with a wooden body that could hold up to 70 people. Jones operated the Wichita Motor Bus Company out of the Jones Milling Company at 917 East Douglas, and expanded the company to include 15 vehicles. During World War I, when the price of gasoline rose to 25 cents per gallon and tire prices rose to nearly 80 dollars each, Jones decided the venture would no longer be profitable, so he sold out to his drivers. Jones continued working at his father's milling company and

took over operation of the mill when his father died.

Always interested in mechanical objects, Jones was the inventor of an automobile compass and a lawn mower known as the "Jones Speedi-Cutter." Both compass and lawn mower were produced at the Jones Milling Company plant, which Jones continued operating until his death on October 29, 1979. At the time of his death, Jones was Wichita's oldest Rotarian, having joined in 1923. He was also deacon emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Wichita, where he had been a member since 1897.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	W. B. Jones diary and account book, 1869-1870
Box 1	FF 2	Jones Automobile Drawings
Box 1	FF 3	Jones Seed and Milling moving notice
Box 1	FF 4	Clippings
Box 1	FF 5	Photographs of Jones auto compass
Box 1	FF 6	Photographs of Jones Milling Company, 917 East Douglas
Box 1	FF 7	Photographs of Jones Milling Number 2
Box 1	FF 8	Photographs of W. B. Jones and Family
Box 1	FF 9	Photographs of Kleinsmith and Jones Mill
Box 1	FF 10	Photographs of Wichita Motor Bus Company
Box 1	FF 11	Unidentified Photographs
Box 1	FF 12	Jones Cracked Wheat cereal bag
Box 1	FF 13	Wichita Motor Bus Company tickets

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